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SUBJECT : TRAINING FOR C-130 PILOTS

REF: (A) ABU DHABI 978 (DTG300855Z MAR 77) (NOTAL),
(B) STATE 073576 (DTG022214Z APR 77) (NOTAL)

1. FOR BENEFIT CINCEUR WHO INADVERTENTLY LEFT OFF AS ADDRESSEE ON ABU DHABI REFTEL, REF A REPORTED SOMEWHAT IMPRECISE INQUIRY HERE RE "CONVERSION COURSE" TRAINING FOR TWO UAE PILOTS ON C-130. REF A ALSO NOTED THAT WE UNDERSTOOD CANDIDATES' ENGLISH ONLY FAIR. REF B REPORTED THAT STATE DEPT HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY UAE EMBASSY ON THIS MATTER SEVERAL WEEKS AGO BUT WITH INSUFFICIENT DETAIL. UAE EMBASSY HAD BEEN TOLD OF REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING NEED FOR HIGH SCORE ON ECL TEST AND HAD BEEN ASKED TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION. NOTHING MORE HAD BEEN HEARD FROM EMBASSY.

2. APRIL 4 DCM WENT BACK TO UAE AF GHQ AND SPOKE TO OFFICER CONCERNED, COL TALAL. DCM EXPLAINED NEED FOR HIGH LEVEL ENGLISH PROFICIENCY AND ALSO

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POINTED OUT THAT C-130 COURSES BOOKED THROUGH THIS FISCAL YEAR. COL. TALAL EXPRESSED CONCERN AT DELAY-- HE STATED UAE AF WANTED PILOTS TO GO IMMEDIATELY. HE ALSO CLAIMED THAT PILOTS IN QUESTION (NUMBER HAS NOW RISEN TO FOUR--TWO TO BE PILOTS, TWO TO BE CO-PILOTS) SPEAK EXCELLENT ENGLISH. FINALLY HE MENTIONED FOR FIRST TIME, THAT UAE AF ALSO WISHED

TO SEND FOUR PERSONS FOR TRAINING IN LOADING/UNLOADING
AND OTHER CREW OPERATIONS FOR C-130.

3. DCM EXPRESSED VIEW THERE WAS LITTLE THAT
COULD BE DONE ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF SPACE IN C-130
COURSES. HE NOTED THAT IN ANY CASE THIS WAS ISSUE
THAT COULD BE FACED ONCE WE HAD BEEN ABLE TO AD-
MINISTER ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST AND DETERMINE EXACT
LEVEL OF FLUENCY OF OFFICERS INVOLVED. IF THEY
NEEDED ENGLISH TRAINING, QUESTION OF TIMING WOULD
NO LONGER BE PROBLEM. AT SAME TIME HE UNDERTOOK TO
INQUIRE ABOUT AVAILABILITY AND CONDITIONS FOR CREW
TRAINING--INCLUDING ENGLISH PREREQUISITES FOR SUCH
PROGRAM. ONCE ALL INFORMATION AT HAND FURTHER DE-
CISIONS COULD BE MADE.

4. COMMENT: UAE AF DEFINITELY WANTS TO PROCEED WITH
THIS TRAINING IN US--TOTAL OF FOUR PILOTS AND FOUR
CREW. THEY HOPE THAT ALL EIGHT CAN PROCEED TOGETHER
AND THEY CLEARLY WISH IT TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
FINALLY, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT FUTURE REQUESTS WILL GO
THROUGH UAE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON SINCE GHQ IS UN-
HAPPY WITH TIME LOST.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) RE ECL TEST, DCM HAS SPOKEN
WITH CINCEUR OFFICERS (COL. BROMAN AND MR. BREWER)
PREVIOUSLY ABOUT GENERAL SUBJECT OF ECL TESTING.
DCM HAS ALSO ADMINISTERED SUCH TESTS IN PREVIOUS
ASSIGNMENT. IN SHORT, WE CAN GIVE TEST HERE. BUT WE
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ARE CURRENTLY LACKING TESTING MATERIALS. DCM PLANNING
TRIP TO WIESBADEN APRIL 5 FOR MEDICAL Reasons, RE-
TURNING PROBABLY EVENING APRIL 7. HE WILL BE STAYING
AT AMERICAN ARMS HOTEL IN WIESBADEN. WOULD IT BE
POSSIBLE TO GET ECL TEST MATERIAL DELIVERED TO HIM
THERE? IF NOT, CAN CINCEUR POUCH IT BY FASTEST
AVAILABLE MEANS. (B) FOR CINCEUR OR DEPT, PLEASE
PROVIDE ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON COURSES FOR
C-130 CREW MEMBERS. ALSO PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER IT
REMOTELY FEASIBLE FOR ALL EIGHT UAE AF PERSONNEL TO
PLAN TO UNDERGO TRAINING TOGETHER.

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